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COLUMBUS, OHIO
AUGUST 27, 1980

Fellow Union Members:

I address you this way with pride, for I carry a lifetime membership card in a union. I was six times president of my union -- the Screen Actors Guild -- and I led its first strike. As far as I know, I am the first union president ever to be a candidate for President of the United States.

It is fitting that this campaign begin here in Columbus which, I know, holds a special place in the hearts of all union members. It was here in 1886 that Samuel Gompers founded and became the first President of the American Federation of Labor. Gompers once said something that those in power in Washington could learn from even today. He said: "The worst crime against working people is a company which fails to make a profit." He

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knew -- as we here know -- that progress for workers and their families depends on a strong, growing economy.

I am here to talk directly to the rank and file of organized labor. I am here to tell you that the working people cannot afford four more years of Jimmy Carter.

He has created a severe depression in our nation.

As a result, workers and their families today are suffering more than at any time since the Great Depression of the '30's.

Their lives have been shattered by a new depression -- the Carter depression.

Hundreds of thousands of workers have already lost their jobs.

Millions more fear the ravages of unemployment.

The Carter depression was created and molded by Carter himself.

This President has demonstrated time and again that he is insensitive to the problems of working people.

His actions are destroying the jobs of steel workers, auto workers, coal workers and many others, and because of Jimmy Carter's actions they are all candidates for welfare.

We can't have more unemployment in America.

Nothing punishes an individual physically or mentally more than unemployment.

Your families can't afford it. America can't afford it.

Your jobs have already been sorely victimized by Carter's depression.

When productivity is down, shipments are down.

And when shipments are down, truck drivers lose their jobs.

President Carter doesn't understand this or he simply does not care.

Carter ran against the Washington establishment and said he was going to change things for the better.

But after four years of Carter's little pills, ask the steelworkers in Youngstown if they like the way things have changed.

Ask the unemployed auto industry workers in Cleveland, the rubber workers in Akron and the coal miners in Southeastern Ohio.

Ask their families about what hope they have for the future.

Ask them about the cruel choices they must now make between food on their table and fuel for their homes.

There is no escape from the Carter depression if we follow the path that put us here.

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I prefer, instead, the judgment of our union dock workers who refuse to unload Polish ships. They have struck a harder blow for human rights in Poland and the rest of the totalitarian world than Jimmy Carter has with all his words on that subject.

As one who knows what it is to sit on your side of the negotiating table, I support and as President will defend the basic principle at the heart of the American labor movement: Economic freedom and political freedom are indivisible.

One thing the history of the labor movement in America has taught us is that collective bargaining can exist only where there is political freedom. Collective bargaining, free of arbitrary government intervention or so-called voluntary guidelines, makes it possible for the creativity and energy of the American worker to contribute to the growth of our economy and the defense of our nation.

Collective bargaining is the indispensable tool for meeting the common concerns of industry and labor. These include wages and other benefits, productivity, health and safety,

training and a host of other pressing problems where the parties to collective bargaining can develop imaginative and practical policies in the national interest.

I pledge to you that if I'm elected President your representatives of organized labor will always have access to me, and that I will consult with your representatives on any matter affecting the working people of our country.

During the next four years, I believe it is possible to build a Great Coalition made up of the producers of America. The working men and women of this land and their families are the heart and soul of such a coalition because it is you who have borne too heavily the burden of the failed economic policies of the present Administration. Together, we can develop and implement sound economic and labor policies that will benefit all Americans.

In contrast, after nearly four years it is clear that this Administration has no new agenda to offer our nation. It has no vision to offer a people in search of a vision. It has no record of achievement in any area that affects you and me and our land that it can plausibly defend. You know it. I know it. And Jimmy Carter knows it.

It has been said that the only thing we learn from history is that we do not learn from history. Let us hope that this one time it isn't so. We cannot afford to repeat the mistakes of the past four years during the next four years.

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While I was Governor of California, I was held accountable for what we accomplished, and what we failed to do. And let me tell you this:

Mr. Carter and his crowd will not be allowed to run away from the human tragedies they have caused. And I'm personally going to see that they don't.

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And, it is because of the immense and growing tax burden upon the producers in America that I have promised a program of tax relief. A program which, we are to believe, struck terror into the hearts of Mr. Carter's Convention.

Let me briefly outline what we propose -- to break this killing combination of inflation and unemployment.

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Let's turn it around. If you allow that \$80 billion tax increase to fall, undeflected, upon a staggering American economy, you will put this nation into a deepened recession from which it will take years to recover. If we sit back and do nothing to prevent this inflation from pushing every American into tax brackets created for the rich, every American family will suffer.

I know all of you are concerned about the plight of retired Teamsters who are hurt by inflation. I share that concern. But so long as we have the Carter inflationary policies,

retired Teamsters and their families as well as other retired Americans will suffer.

Let me tell you why there is such panic in the Carter White House at the prospect of modest tax reductions.

Between 1980 and 1985 this Government has projected an increase in its share of America's Gross National Product from 20.6 percent to 25 percent. Between now and the end of Fiscal 1985, this Administration projects another doubling of the Federal Budget. And if the tax rates on individual workers are reduced -- they don't get all that money.

In Washington, tax dollars are power -- and that is what this conflict is about.

The Administration in Washington wants a rising share of what American workers produce -- because when Washington spends their tax dollar it attaches strings and guidelines -- to control and direct the Free Society. The Ruling Party in Washington wants a larger share of your annual income -- because it believes that Government, in its wisdom, will spend the money more wisely than the families who have earned it.

You will spend it on a family vacation, on a downpayment on a new car, on a television set, or a new appliance, or maybe you'll save it -- they will spend it expanding Federal control, by increasing the number of those employed, directly or indirectly, by the Federal Government. Today there are roughly 79 million men and women employed in the private sector. They support with their

taxes 82 million people who get all or some part of their income from government.

I don't think government is better than the people are at spending their own money. I trust the people, and I'm not going back on my commitment to tax reduction and tax relief for the working men and women of this country.

Mr. Carter says that a "close analysis" of my commitment to a strengthened defense, to a balanced budget, to maintaining our commitment to retirement and health benefits would require, quote, "that the entire rest of the federal government would have to be abolished, everything from education to farm programs to the G.I. Bill to the night watchman at the Lincoln Memorial. And the budget would still be in the red."

That analysis was produced by the same economists who have done for the U.S. economy what Mrs. O'Leary's cow did for Chicago. They have a Phi Beta Kappa key on one end of their watch chains and no watch on the other.

When Mr. Carter or Mr. Mondale or Mr. Miller say they simply cannot balance the budget, provide for the national security and reduce the high tax load on the American people -- I say: Stand aside -- because we can! And we will!

In the stridency of their attacks at Madison Square Garden, was there not an element of political panic?

The one thing the incumbent Administration wishes to avoid is to have this election be what it must become: A referendum on the Stewardship of Jimmy Carter.

Why not the best, he asked in 1976. Well, is he really the best America can do?

As rank and file working Americans you know that your families cannot stand four more years of Jimmy Carter and his broken promises.

You know that it is time for change and new leadership.

I'd like to provide that leadership:

To offer the hope and trust that American working men and women desperately need in these troubled times.

The most important step I can take will be to bring understanding and sensitivity to the needs of working men and women in America.

We need full employment in America to relieve the misery of our working people.

I am committed to full employment, and my programs will reflect that commitment.

Before making a decision for November, ask yourself these questions:

Are Americans more secure in 1980 than they were four years ago?

In the next four years, do you want the American economy run by the same manager who has run it into the ground in the last four?

The way you and millions of other American workers answer these questions will determine the future of freedom. I have no doubt that today, as in the past, freedom will be preserved, protected and passed on to the next generation, as it always has been, by the workers of the United States.

Thank you!

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~~Millions of Democrats know in their hearts that the great party of Jefferson and Jackson, of Wilson and Roosevelt, has been hijacked by an interloper -- who understands little and believes in less -- who is manipulating ancient party dogma and dead party heroes -- to try to win for himself and his friends, four more years.~~

It has been said that the only thing we learn from history is that we do not learn from history. Let us hope ~~THAT ISN'T SO.~~ ~~IT IS NOT SO.~~ Otherwise we are condemned forever to repeat the mistakes of the past.

To prevent repetition of the great mistake America made in 1976, let us go back in time to that ¹⁹⁷⁶ Convention, in ~~the~~ Madison Square Garden, where ~~President~~ ^{MR. [REDACTED]} Carter declared in his acceptance speech:

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delayed the Tellico dam in Tennessee, so as not to inconvenience a 2 inch fish the snail darter? Is it OPEC which prevents the easing of environmental standards so that America can switch her dependence upon foreign oil---to a new reliance upon good old American coal?

No ~~that's~~ that's not OPEC. That is America's environmental extremists, and the birds of a feather roosting up there in the upper branches of Mr. Carter's Administration.

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~~THE BALANCED BUDGET~~

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TEAMSTERS

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Follow Union Members. And I feel justified in addressing you that way since to my knowledge I'm the first candidate for the Presidency to carry a lifetime membership card in a Union. I was six times President of my union and led its first strike.

It is fitting that this Presidential campaign should begin before delegates of the working men and women of America -- and before those who have already made a lifetime contribution to the greatness of our country.

It is all the more fitting because in recent days the heroic Polish workers have shown the world that wherever there is a desire for free labor unions, the desire for political and economic freedom is unending. Those who know what it is to belong to a union have a special bond with the workers of Poland. They are truly our brothers and sisters.

In 1977, Jimmy Carter said he believes our concept of human rights is preserved in Poland.

Evidently the Polish workers trust his judgment about as much as American workers do.

As one who knows what it is to sit on your side of the negotiating table, I support and will, as President, defend, the basic principle at the very heart of the labor movement: Economic freedom and political freedom are indivisible.

Collective bargaining can exist only in political freedom. Collective bargaining, free of arbitrary government intervention

in the name of voluntary guidelines, allows the creativity and the work of American workers to contribute to the growth of our economy and the defense of our nation.

There are major common concerns with competitiveness, productivity, health and safety, training, and a host of other pressing problems where the parties to collective bargaining, ~~can develop~~ can develop imaginative and practical policies in the national interest. We can, ^{AND SHOULD} rely on these resources.

~~the~~ America's working men and women and their families, are the heart and soul of the Great Coalition we intend to build. And it is you who have borne the burden of the failed economic policies of the present Administration.

This administration has no new agenda to offer the nation. It has no vision to offer a people in search of vision. It has no record of achievement it can plausibly defend. And Jimmy Carter knows it.

~~Millions of Democrats know in their hearts that the great party of Jefferson and Jackson, of Wilson and Roosevelt, has been hijacked by an interloper -- who understands little and believes in less -- who is manipulating ancient party dogma and dead party heroes -- to try to win for himself and his friends, four more years~~

It has been said that the only thing we learn from history is that we do not learn from history. Let us hope ~~that isn't so~~. Otherwise we are condemned forever to repeat the mistakes of the past.

To prevent repetition of the great mistake America made in 1976, let us go back in time to that ¹⁹⁷⁶ Convention, in ~~the~~ Madison Square Garden, where ~~President~~ ^{MR. Jimmy Carter} Carter declared in his acceptance speech:

"Any system of economics is bankrupt if it sees either value or virtue in unemployment. We simply cannot check inflation by keeping people out of work."

Those sentences, my friends, were spoken by a Candidate who as President---in panic over an inflation running at 18% in the first quarter of 1980---presided over economic policies which threw almost two million working Americans out on the streets---in two months.

In that same speech in 1976, he declared:

"We will never have an end to the inflationary spiral, we will never have a balanced budget...as long as we have eight or nine million Americans out of work."

And the performance since?

The worst inflation in American history. Not a single year in which the Federal Budget ~~was~~ approached a balance. Eight million out of work.

Among black Americans---who gave Mr. Carter 90% support--- a July rate of unemployment, about 14%, higher than any single year since the Government began keeping separate statistics.

"Bankrupt,"---Mr. Carter's word in 1976---is the precise word to describe the "system of economics" that produced these tragic consequences.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?

Because of ~~unpopular~~ courageous decisions in the middle seventies, Jerry Ford left his successor with an expanding economy and an inflation rate of ~~4.8%~~ 4.8%

In Mr. Carter's first year, it rose to 7%; in his second, to 9%; in his third, to 13%; this year to 15%---with gusts up to 18% in the First Quarter.

WHO HAS RAISED THE ALIBI TO AN ART FORM.

We are not responsible, says Mr. Carter, His defense is echoed by his economic counselors---following the script of the Eizenstat Memo. Our inflation has been caused, they contend, by the robber barons of the OPEC cartel!

Has it? Why then has inflation not been twice-as high in Germany and Japan which import twice the percentage of their oil consumption as the United States?

Was it really OPEC which produced a gasoline glut in some communities in the summer of '79---and shortages and gasoline lines in others? Or was that due to the legendary incompetence of the allocation division of the Department of Energy?

~~And was it OPEC which delayed the Alaska pipeline for years? Is it OPEC which has interfered for years with completion of the nuclear power plant in Seabrook, New Hampshire? Is it OPEC which runs to federal court to block every lease for off-shore drilling of American oil? Is it OPEC which is seeking to lock up forever the great treasure house of Alaska? Is it OPEC which delayed and~~

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delayed the Tellico dam in Tennessee, so as not to inconvenience a land
the snail darter? Is it OPEC which prevents the easing of
environmental standards so that America can switch her dependence
upon foreign oil---to a new reliance upon good old American coal?

No ~~that's~~ that's not OPEC. That is America's environ-
mental extremists, and the birds of a feather roosting up there
in the upper branches of Mr. Carter's Administration.

~~But here's the good news, friends. Hunting season starts
January 21st.~~

~~THE BALANCED BUDGET~~

And what of the long promised "balanced budget?"

Well, we are still waiting. And while we have been waiting
Mr. Carter and his colleagues on Capitol Hill have run up four
straight deficits. And when off-budget spending is added to those
deficits, Jimmy Carter will have made the greatest single contri-
bution of any President to the national debt---by the time he gets
back to the peanut warehouse in January of 1981.

~~And, speaking of that, you know---with Bert Lance's account-
ing background, with Brother Billy's business contacts, with
Jimmy Carter's managerial skills---there's just no reason why that
peanut warehouse can't start turning a nice profit.~~

~~THE KENNEDY SPEECH~~

~~THE DEMOCRAT~~

In his address to ~~that~~ Convention, Senator Kennedy spoke of
the misery, the despair, the deprivation he found as he crossed
and re-crossed the great American continent.

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Of the glass cutter in Charleston, West Virginia, with ten kids who lost his job, three years short of a pension, *(We have since learned he got his pension and within one month a new job.)* Of the family in Iowa which wondered whether it would hand down the good life and the good earth to the children. Of the grandmother in East Oakland who no longer had a phone to call her grandchildren, because she gave it up to pay the rent, ~~money~~.

And Jimmy Carter said it was one of the greatest speeches he had ever heard.

Does not Jimmy Carter know whom Edward Kennedy had in mind when he said: "Let us pledge that we will never misuse unemployment, high interest rates and human misery as false weapons against inflation."

Who occupied the Oval Office while these human tragedies transpired? ~~with~~ ^{IS} What was the name of the Candidate-President who sat with ~~Richard~~ Jordan, planning Convention strategy when more Americans were out of work than in any year since the final days of the Great Depression? ^{WHAT IS THE}

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Who said he is "wise" now, ~~acting~~ ^{WHILE MILLION SUFFER} ^{JOBLESSNESS} What political party, Senator Kennedy, occupied all the pinnacles of political power in Washington---in Congress and the Cabinet, in the ~~White House~~ ^{White House Complex,} at the Federal Reserve---while this great nation was put through the worst recession in almost fifty years?

While I was Governor of that great ~~state~~ state of California, I was held accountable for what we accomplished, and what we failed to do. And let me tell you this:

~~Mr. Carter and his crowd~~ ^{WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO RUN} away from ~~this~~

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~~the scruff of their necks and rub their noses in the spreading~~
~~mess they have made of the greatest economy on earth.~~

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Eight million Americans out of work! Inflation at fifteen percent! Gold which was selling at \$132 an ounce when President Ford left office is now selling for \$600 an ounce---reflecting ^W worldwide collapse of confidence in the American currency, the protection of which is among the highest duties of an American President.

The highest interest rates since the Civil War---reaching at times close to twenty percent. Productivity falling for six straight quarters among the most productive people in the history of man. And at the close of Mr. Carter's convention, the Government reports that the prices producers pay were rising last month at 22 percent a year.

To some people, these may be nothing more than monthly numbers pouring out of the offices of the Council of Economic Advisers or the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

But to widows in Arizona and Florida, they translate into the theft of more than a fourth of the value of the insurance money and pension income they were left by a Government which has broken faith with the people.

To the young man who married right out of high school, to find a job and start a family, Mr. Carter's mortgage money rates mean postponement---perhaps forever---of the dream of owning his own home.

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For the parents, who put aside a few thousand dollars to save for their children's education in the same private college they attended, Mr. Carter's inflation means the end of a dream.

To the auto worker, it means coming and telling the kids ~~the same message I got during the Depression~~: "Son, your old man doesn't have a job anymore."

You know, I have often wondered. If standing in an unemployment line once a week is ^{supposed to be} good for auto workers, steel workers, tire workers and Teamsters---why doesn't the ruling crowd in the national capital try it for a while?

TAX REFORM

Returning to the campaign of 1976, I recall a specific promise made by the Candidate who ran on the slogan, "I'll never lie to you."

(After hearing that about twenty times, I was reminded of Ralph Waldo Emerson's line: "The louder he talked of his honor, the faster we counted our spoons.")

Anyhow, in September of 1976, the Candidate said, and I quote:

"I would never increase taxes for the working people of our country and the lower and middle-income groups...and you can depend on that if I am elected."

Well, it appears we could not "depend on that." Through inflation, Mr. Carter has raised the tax burden on the American people 30%---while their real income has risen only 20%.

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\$227 billion Social Security tax increase---the largest tax increase in history---which falls heaviest upon the "working people of our country," the "lower and middle-income groups."

And, it is because of the immense and growing tax burden upon the producers in America that I have proposed a program of tax relief. A program which, we are to believe, struck terror into the hearts of Mr. Carter's Convention.

~~ON TAX REDUCTION~~

Let me briefly outline what we propose---to break this killing combination of inflation and unemployment.

In the coming fiscal year, Fiscal 1981, Federal Revenues are scheduled to rise by a record \$80 billion dollars.

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Why not the best, he asked in 1976. Well is Mr. Carter really the best America can do?

Last week, I had the opportunity to speak of the National Security concerns. Allow me briefly to speak here of what we are faced with, for our security is based on our economy.

For a decade and half the Soviet Union has engaged in the greatest military buildup in the history of nations. They have achieved superiority in strategic, theater nuclear and conventional forces. Secretary of Defense Harold Brown admitted last week our land-based ICBM's are now vulnerable to a Soviet first strike.

If we are to insure the survival of peace and freedom in this world, we should remember what General Douglas MacArthur once wrote:

"The history of failure in war," he said, "can be summed up in two words. Too late. Too late in comprehending the deadly purpose of a potential enemy; too late in realizing the mortal danger; too late in preparedness; ~~too late in uniting all possible forces for resistance; too late in standing with one's friends.~~"

The ~~threat~~ to the security of free peoples today comes not from American power -- but from vacillation, indecision and weakness. And without a strong, growing economy, we won't be able to do what's necessary to defend ourselves. Our first line of defense is the American worker.

Before making a decision for November, ask yourself these questions:

Is America a more ~~respected~~ ^{SECURE} nation in 1980 than it was four years ago? ~~Is Western power -- relative to the Soviet Bloc -- superior to the balance that existed four years ago?~~

In the next four years do you want the American economy run by the same manager who ran ~~it~~ ^{IT INTO THE GROUND IN} the last four?

~~In facing up to the imperial challenge of Soviet power, do you want as the leader of the Western World a man whose proudest foreign policy achievement is that he surrendered the Panama Canal?~~

~~Thank you.~~

~~THE~~ THE WAY YOU AND MILLIONS OF OTHER AMERICAN WORKERS ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS WILL DETERMINE THE FUTURE OF FREEDOM. I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT TODAY, AS IN THE PAST, FREEDOM ~~WILL BE PRESERVED,~~ WILL BE PRESERVED, PROTECTED AND PASSED ON TO THE NEXT GENERATION BY THE WORKERS OF THE UNITED STATES.
THANK YOU!

August 19, 1980

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Ed Meese
Attn: Daryl Trent ✓

FROM: Buz Lukens

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Would you give us suggestions for a resolution but on the same topic; which we feel important to be addressed by Governor Reagan at that conference.

cc: Ken Towery

Draft resolution!



DRAFT RESOLUTION FOR RONALD REAGAN

Ohio Conference of Teamsters

August, 1980

Whereas, many of the people of Ohio and America have struggled for years on fixed incomes that barely provide for the essentials of living and,

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Whereas, many of us suffer from ailments that are not treated due to soaring medical costs and,

Whereas, retired persons everywhere are preyed upon by ^{criminals} thieves because they are not provided with personal security and,

Whereas, we are forced to live in inadequate low-cost housing that leaves us susceptible to extreme heat, cold, and criminal acts and,

Whereas, we who have helped build this nation--working the factories, driving the trucks, laboring to build a strong economy--are now losing our sense of personal dignity and value on society,

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the 35,000 retired Teamsters of Ohio:

That Gov. Ronald Reagan acknowledge the needs of the elderly and their rights as citizens of the United States to receive adequate income, housing and protection and,

That if elected President he direct our government to create legislation and programs that will provide our senior citizens with the assistance necessary to live comfortably and secure.

Be it further resolved that this message be incorporated in the pre-election portfolio of DRIVE, the political voice of the Ohio Conference of Teamsters. So that our 35,000 voices will be heard to maximum effect in the nation's legislative halls.

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